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Eriosema rhynchosioides Baker

GENUS *Eriosema* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

DESCRIPTION

A herb that lies along the ground and keeps growing from year to year. There is a rootstock of several narrow tubers. These produce several stems that have a few branches. The tubers are 7 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. The stems are 70 cm long. They are hairy and have long internodes. The leaves have 3 leaflets and are 1-6 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and are rounded at the base. The veins are raised underneath and are hairy. There can be 1-20 flowers in a short cluster. The standard is yellow and tinged with red inside. The fruit is a por 10-16 mm long by 7-9 mm wide. The seeds are pale brown with dark marks. The seeds are about 5 mm long by 2 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on seasonally set grassland on Kalahari sand. It grows between 780-1,500 m altitude.

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